

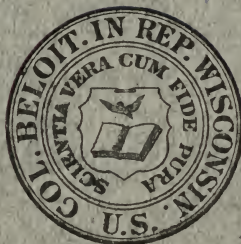


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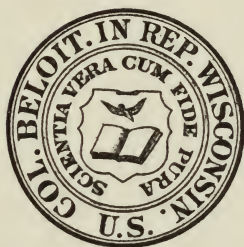
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PREFATORY NOTE

For the first time in the history of Beloit a bulletin has been prepared for the Alumni of the College. Its purpose is to show the actual work, conditions and needs of the institution. It is hoped that this publication will become an annual, and that by this means the Alumni, who are our staunchest supporters, may be kept in close touch with the College and may have an intelligent understanding of its progress and policies. The Administration feels that the head of the College should be responsible for the Alumni bulletin, and therefore the Acting President and Dean of Beloit is responsible for the statements made herein, instead of the catalogue editor.



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TRUSTEES

Removals

It is necessary to record the death of two of the Trustees during the past year, namely, Mr. George P. Lord of Elgin, Ill., and Mr. Frederick G. Ensign of Oak Park, Ill.

The minutes prepared by Dr. E. D. Eaton upon the deaths of Mr. Lord and Mr. Ensign, adopted January 15, 1907, are appended.

Resolved: It is fitting that we place on record our personal esteem for Mr. George P. Lord and our high estimate of his character and public spirit.

For many years a large measure of his thought was given to the higher interests of his own city of Elgin and the extension of Christian institutions among mankind. His genial presence, his unaffected simplicity of bearing, his quick sympathy with the needs of his fellowmen, his devotion to the Christian Church made him a much valued friend and fellow-worker.

While increasing infirmities prevented his attending the meetings of our Board we have had his friendship and co-operation, and his removal from earth touches us with a sense of personal loss and quickens our sympathies with the good interests to which his intelligent aid was so largely and so cordially extended.

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In the removal of Mr. Frederick G. Ensign from the activities of earth, the Board of Trustees of Beloit College loses one of its beloved and faithful members, and one by whom the underlying principles of the College were most clearly recognized and earnestly held. As a lad ten years of age he witnessed the laying of the corner-stone of the College's first building, and some years later he was for a short time one of its students, and the interest thus awakened was sustained throughout life.

Service in the Christian Commission during the Civil War, and association with Dwight L. Moody in his early years in Chi-

cago, trained Mr. Ensign for his great work as Superintendent of the Northwestern District of the American Sunday School Union, a trust to which he was appointed in 1868, and which he administered until his death with broadening influence and deepening power.

The remarkable degree in which he enjoyed the confidence and friendship of men and women of wealth enabled him to be of special service to the College, before as well as after his election to the Board of Trustees in 1897. As a member of the Executive Committee of our Board he has put his sound judgment and practical good sense at the service of the College, and constantly that service has been ennobled by his large outlook and his profound Christian enthusiasm. A veritable bishop of the children, organizing a work by which hundreds of thousands of neglected ones have been gathered for instruction in the Word of God, he has also been deeply interested in the education of young men and women under influences tending to strengthen their faith and increase their efficiency for the service of mankind. He loved the College and labored for it, because he believed it an essential instrumentality in the great Kingdom of Christ on Earth. A man "Valiant for the Truth," unswerving in loyalty to his convictions, reverencing the Bible as the very Word of God and rejoicing in whatever extends its influence over human lives, a great organizer of Christian work, exacting thorough-going service of all who were employed under him, he was gentle in his bearing, considerate and courteous in every relation of life, making no claim for himself, but quick in sympathy and helpfulness toward all human misfortune or need.

Long will the memory of this great-hearted Christian abide with us all; and long may his influence be felt in our counsels and labors for the College.

Election of Members

The following members of the Board were elected at the annual meeting held June 19, 1906: Rev. H. J. Ferris, Oak Park, Ill.; Alexander E. Matheson (Alumni Member), Janesville, Wis.

At the quarterly meeting held January 15, 1907, the following were elected to membership: Dr. Nelson P. Hulst, Milwaukee, Wis.; C. H. Morse, Jr., Frederic F. Norcross and Judge N. C. Sears, Chicago, Ill.

Work of the Trustees

The members of the Board are all business and professional men with large interests, but who give their time, their effort and their money freely to the College. No one can come into contact with them and witness their enthusiastic loyalty to the College, their large-minded faith in it and its future and not get a new sense of what it means to Beloit to have such men directing its onward progress and growth. The College owes much to these men, more than any of us can well realize.

During the year a guaranty fund of \$3,500 has been contributed by various members of the Board; Mr. E. P. Bacon has given \$9,000 additional to the Student Aid Fund; a bequest of \$3,000 was made by Mr. Lord; a gift of \$1750 was made by Mr. F. G. Logan for the purchase of additional specimens for the Museum of Archæology; "A Trustee" gave \$500 for new equipment in the Smith Gymnasium. Thus a total of \$17,750 has been given to the College by members of the Board in the past year.

A brief statement of some of the important actions of the Board during the year is given herewith:

On October 26, 1906, Mr. E. P. Salmon was designated to convey to Dr. G. S. F. Savage the regrets of the Board at his retirement from active service after a continuous term of more than fifty years, during which time he was rarely absent from the Board meetings. Dr. Savage was made an honorary trustee for life.

A minute was adopted expressing the great appreciation of the Board to Professor William Porter for his long and noble service in behalf of the college. He was made Professor Emeritus of the Latin language and retired on the Carnegie Foundation. Similar action was taken in the case of Dr. C. W. Pearson, who was made Professor Emeritus of the German Language and Literature, on the Carnegie Foundation.

On January 15, 1907, it was voted that all Curators of college collections should have the rank of assistant professors without pay.

Dr. Eaton's former home having been made into a dormitory for women of the Junior class, it was voted that it should be named "Junior House."

It was also voted that after the close of the current year tuition, room and board of all young women in Emerson Hall, Stowell Cottage, and Junior House shall be included in one item, which shall be \$300 per annum for students now in college, and \$325 for new students.

It was voted to enter upon a campaign for the purpose of raising \$150,000 in order to meet the conditions made by the General Education Board, which agreed to contribute \$50,000 if an additional sum of \$150,000 were secured by the Board. The whole sum is to be added to the endowment.

Two additional instructors were authorized for the year 1907-08, one in Physics and one in German.

THE FACULTY

Additions

The following instructors have been added to the faculty during the current year:

PROFESSOR GEORGE DAY FAIRFIELD, Associate Professor of Romanic languages. Professor Fairfield's academic career is as follows: A. B., Oberlin, 1888; A. M. 1892; Vice Consul of the United States at Lyons, France, 1889-93; student, Faculte des Lettres, Lyons, 1890-93; graduate student, University of Chicago, 1893-94; Instructor Romance Languages, De Pauw University, 1894-95; Assistant Professor of Romanic Languages, University of Illinois, 1895-98; Professor, 1898-1903; Assistant Professor, Syracuse University, 1904-06.

PROFESSOR HENRY WILLIAM DUBEE, Associate Professor of German. Professor Dubee received his preparatory education in Brunswick, Germany; A. B., Harvard, 1900; In-

structor, University of Cincinnati, 1900-01; Graduate Student of Germanic Philology, Harvard, 1901-03; A. M., Harvard, 1902; Instructor in German, University of Michigan, 1903-06.

DR. WILLIAM STEARNS DAVIS, Instructor in History and Government. Dr. Davis received his A. B. (*magna cum laude*) in three years, Harvard, 1900; A. M. 1901; Student at Marburg University, 1902; Ph. D., Harvard, 1904; lecturer in History, Radcliffe, 1904-05; Student at Berlin University, 1905-06; author of "A Friend of Cæsar," and other novels.

MR. GEORGE BURTON HOTCHKISS, Instructor in Rhetoric. Mr. Hotchkiss received his A. B. at Yale, with special honors in English, 1905; A. M., 1906; author of "The Birthright," a verse-comedy which was unanimously awarded the Yale University Poetry Prize in 1906.

MR. HARRY TORSEY BAKER, Instructor in English Literature and German. Mr. Baker took his A. B. (*summa cum laude*) at Wesleyan University, Conn., 1900; A. M., 1902; Assistant in English, 1900-03; Tutor in English, 1903-04; Professor of the English Language and Literature, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, 1904-05; Instructor in English, Harvard, 1905-06; graduate student in English, 1905-06; member of the Delta Tau Delta and of Phi Beta Kappa.

DR. HOWARD DEXTER SMITH, Instructor in Chemistry. Dr. Smith took his B. S. at Rhode Island College, 1901; Ph. B., Brown, 1903; A. M., 1904; Ph. D., Tufts, 1906; G. A. R. Fellow, Brown, 1903-05; Assistant, 1903-05; Assistant, Tufts, 1905; Private Assistant to Professor Michaels, Tufts, 1906.

MR. PHILIP BENJAMIN KENNEDY, Instructor in Public Speaking. Mr. Kennedy graduated A. B. from Beloit, 1905; was the representative of Beloit in the State Oratorical Contest and two inter-collegiate debates, and winner of the Rice Prize for extemporaneous speaking.

MR. CHARLES ARTHUR FAIRWEATHER, Athletic Director. Mr. Fairweather attended the University of Illinois for three years; played on the football team for four seasons and on the track team for three years; Captain of the Football Team,

1904; Athletic Coach at Washington University, from April 1, 1905 to June 15, 1906.

MR. WALTER EDWARD LAGERQUIST, Instructor in Sociology; A. B., Yale College, 1905; M. A., Yale University, 1906.

Changes in the Work of the Registrar's Office

The greatly increased numbers of the College have necessitated certain changes in administration in order to carry on successfully this branch of the college work.

The duties which formerly devolved upon the Registrar have been divided and the separate office of Recorder has been created. Professor E. G. Smith was given charge of this office by the Faculty and the Trustees last year, and he has assumed the duties involved in the keeping of the College records as far as these relate to the scholarship and standing of students, the election of studies and the registration of students belonging to the three upper classes.

The work of the Registrar, Professor Densmore, is to be largely concerned with the relations of the College to Secondary Schools and entrance, together with the general oversight of the Freshman class. It is the aim of the College hereafter to keep a closer oversight of the members of the Freshman class, since we believe that in the transition from the methods of the High School to those of the College many Freshmen need a closer touch with some college officer than is usually accorded them. The Registrar hopes to work out a plan for helping Freshmen at this critical period in the college course, which will produce better results from the Freshman year at Beloit.

Our Relations to Secondary Schools

The relations of the College to Secondary Schools have changed within the last few years, and the College authorities have felt that this new relation necessitated a change in our policy regarding High Schools and Academies.

In the State of Wisconsin the State Department of Education at Madison has agreed to give the College the benefit of

the inspection of High Schools by the State Inspector. Upon the basis of these reports and the personal advice and recommendations of the State Inspector and the State Superintendent, the Secondary Schools of Wisconsin will be accredited. This plan will greatly decrease the amount of High School visitation on the part of the College Faculty, and will direct more intelligently the visitation which is done.

It is hoped that some similar arrangements may be made in adjoining states, which will enable the College to become affiliated with a large number of Secondary Schools without the great burden which visitation imposes upon a small college faculty.

The possible loss of close relations to Secondary Schools which might obtain as a result of this change of policy will be obviated as far as possible through reports to principals of the work of their students in the College and through catalogues and other matter which may interest them in the College. The co-operation of the Alumni in this matter will be an important factor in creating and maintaining in many communities an interest in the work of Beloit.

The Work of Securing New Students

The necessity of more definite and systematic efforts for securing new students has been emphasized at Beloit by the work of Henry D. Smith and by the experience of the Registrar. An analysis of Mr. Smith's results indicates that there are two important factors in this work to which the College must give especial attention. The most important factor is that of the work of the Alumni and students of the College, through whose interest and co-operation Mr. Smith undoubtedly secured his results. A careful analysis of the motives which induced the present Freshman class to come to Beloit has been made this fall by the registrar. Out of one hundred and twenty-five Freshmen, from whom data were obtained, about one hundred attributed their coming to Beloit to the influence of students or Alumni.

These facts indicate the great work which the Alumni, who know the merits of the College, can do for Beloit. Some of the

Eastern Colleges have Associations of Alumni in large cities which make it a part of their business to work for good students for their Alma Mater. This is a matter in which every Alumnus should be interested, and in which all Alumni can have a part.

The second factor of importance in securing new students is concerned with the office correspondence with prospective students. This work of correspondence has become so onerous that it has been felt necessary to appoint an assistant in the Registrar's office to look after the matter, and the Trustees have signified their consent to the plan. It is hoped that a graduate of the College may be secured who will carry on the work under the direction of the Registrar throughout the college year as well as during the summer months. The experience of Oberlin College, where the plan has been in operation for some years, indicates that this is an important step toward securing a permanent increase in the number of students for future entering classes.

The Bureau of Appointments

About ten years ago the Registrar instituted a Bureau of Appointments to aid our graduates to secure positions as teachers in High Schools and Academies. Through the Bureau many members of our graduating classes have been helped in securing positions as teachers. This work not only benefits the Alumni, but it is of equal importance to the College, and the subdivision of work outlined above when effected will materially aid in a systematic work for the Alumni. The question as to the possibility of systematic effort on the part of the College to aid Alumni who are working in other lines than teaching is an important one, to which the College has not yet given sufficient attention.

Important Faculty Actions Since January 1, 1906

The following actions taken by the Faculty may be of general interest to the Alumni and friends of the College:

January 6, 1906. It was voted to recommend to the Board of Trustees that a joint advisory committee consisting of three Faculty members and three Trustee members be constituted, this

Nov. 26, 1906. It was decided to make the Matriculation Exercises more formal and that they should take place before the whole student body, at the Chapel hour.

Committee to consult in regard to all the internal affairs of the College and to recommend legislation to the Board of Trustees. (This Committee has since been approved by the Board.)

January 12, 1906. It was voted that an additional administrative office be created, the occupant of the office to be called the Recorder, and his duty, to keep all the student records. The duties of Dean, Registrar and Recorder were more closely defined.

January 19, 1906. The Conference rules in Athletics proposed by the several Colleges of Wisconsin and Lake Forest and Knox Colleges in Illinois, were adopted.

March 2, 1906. It was voted that hereafter no marks indicating standings shall be placed upon examination or test papers.

April 14, 1906. Steps were taken toward the equalization of social opportunities among students and for checking excessive devotion to social interests on the part of a few students.

April 20, 1906. It was voted that no Academy men except Seniors of one term's standing shall be eligible to College athletic teams.

May 11, 1906. The meaning of "College party" was defined, and young women of the College were limited to attendance on eight College parties during each semester.

May 18, 1906. By vote of the faculty, required rhetorical exercises were discontinued, and elective courses in public speaking substituted.

It was also voted that it was inexpedient to grant Senior vacations hereafter.

June 15, 1906. The Faculty approved the request of the students that an additional annual fee of five dollars be added to the incidental expenses of each College student for athletic purposes.

October 12, 1906. It was voted that an annual fall holiday be granted to the whole student body, bearing the name "Big Hill Day."

It was also voted to allow dancing at class parties in the gymnasium, if classes so elect.

DEPARTMENTS OF INSTRUCTION

The various heads of departments have made reports to the Dean during the year, and the following are extracts from these reports:

Department of Biblical Literature and Religious History

It is the aim of this department to put the student into possession of the methods and apparatus of Biblical and religious study and thus open the way for a permanent interest in the prosecution of these vital themes. These methods are illustrated by study of various portions of the Bible and also of religious history. While it is hoped that the work may be helpful in all possible ways to students planning to enter the ministry, it is primarily arranged in the interests of the larger number who seek an acquaintance with these historic and stimulating subjects as an essential part of a liberal education. To this end it is the purpose to offer as small a number of courses as is possible, consistent with the demands upon general intelligence. These courses are carefully arranged in a progressive order. One course is required in the Freshman year. All others are elective.

Beloit College was one of the first institutions in the West to offer work of this character. The department at Beloit has had a pronounced influence in leading a general educational movement toward the organization of Biblical study in institutions of collegiate grade.

For the prosecution of the work of this department, the following are the most pressing needs:

1. Maps are imperatively needed. We have none whatever. \$25 would cover the necessary outlay.

2. Contributions of money or specimens toward a Museum of Religion. This should cover utensils and illustrations of religious habits and customs, Christian and non-Christian. Small amounts of money would secure for the College exceedingly valuable material gathered by our own interested representatives on foreign fields. The co-operation of our Alumni on the foreign field is earnestly asked.

3. The establishment of several funds of \$500 to \$1,000 for the purchase of books on religion. The College Library possesses several book-funds, singularly enough none for this department.

Department of Biology

About one hundred and twenty-five students have elected the courses in Biology, Botany and Zoology offered in the department this year. The large number of students who elect General Biology has necessitated the appointment of a laboratory assistant in addition to the regular instructors in the department. This additional help has not only relieved the instructors of much of the drudgery entailed in the preparation of material for large laboratory classes, but has enabled them to devote the laboratory period to instruction rather than to minor details of laboratory work which can better be done by an assistant.

The instructors of the department feel that particularly with large Freshman divisions, the time of the instructor should be devoted largely to individual instruction, for which the laboratory offers unusual opportunities.

The appointment of assistants in a college like Beloit should mean that the regular instructors shall give not less but rather more attention to the individual needs of students. It is to be hoped that the position of laboratory assistant in Biology may become a permanent appointment to be filled from the ranks of our own alumni.

The laboratory fees of the department have enabled the instructors in Botany and Zoology to build up a good laboratory equipment and the present needs are rather in the direction of more room than of immediate equipment. The room in Science Hall formerly occupied by the Logan Museum has been utilized for Zoology, and is being equipped with tables and apparatus for work.

The department needs a Physiological Laboratory for practical work in Animal and Plant Physiology. These lines of work are especially useful to prospective teachers, sanitary engineers, medical students and foresters, but they are also of great value to general students of Biology.

The Botany Department needs for this work a small growing house, and the Zoology Department a laboratory for practical experimental work in animal pathology. The department hopes at an early date to introduce a course in elementary Bacteriology. One well equipped laboratory would suffice for the Physiology courses and the Bacteriology. The expenditure of \$500 would establish the needed laboratory and supplement our present equipment with necessary apparatus for its maintenance.

Chemical Department

During the year there have been about 120 students in the several courses. The largest elective is in General Chemistry, which for the last few years has been thrown into the Freshman year, the upper classes having the privilege of electing back; about one-half of those in this course have been from the upper classes. The most interesting feature of the work for the year is that this year, for the first time, there has been an assistant in the department, Dr. Howard D. Smith, who has carried much of the laboratory work, allowing the head of the department to do many things not possible before. The Science teaching work of Beloit must be strengthened, as with the larger number of electives has come division of the classes, each taking a corresponding part of the time of the instruction, if any course is to be given well. Dr. Smith has brought with him a thorough knowledge of the science of Chemistry and has proved himself fully capable to do teaching in many of the courses offered.

The great need of the department to-day is more development along the line of Physical Chemistry, so that it may be elected by those purposing to teach the science. The best work of the past ten years has been in this branch of the subject, and results have proved of great theoretical interest. If Beloit is to hold her place as a first-grade college, opportunities should be afforded here to take up at least the elements of this interesting branch of study. In order that more may be made of it, we shall need some additions to the equipment from time to time and the purchase of special pieces of apparatus. It has been the

policy of the management of the department in past years to add slowly and systematically from the funds available from fees and miscellaneous sources minor apparatus, so that today the laboratories are well supplied with what is necessary for College General Chemistry and analytical work. The pieces needed for Physical Chemistry, however, are more expensive and cannot be supplied from this source, and we must look for moderate sums for the purchase of special pieces which will be invaluable in the development of this work.

I have often wished that our Alumni would interest themselves in putting us on the track of mineral supplies. Many of them are in localities where some special mineral is commonly produced and if we could be informed of such supply, a letter of directions would often greatly help us in getting at nominal cost that for which we now go on the market and pay extraordinary prices. For example: a student at Joplin, Mo., could, at little trouble, secure for us a hundred pounds of pure zinc ore, which would supply the laboratories for a series of years. A good stock of minerals would be useful to more than one of the departments.

The laboratories and lecture room have already been outgrown, it being necessary to divide the classes both in the laboratory work and the recitations. It is reasonable to hope that in the not distant future we may have either separate quarters or that more of the present building may be given up to the work. The ventilation of the building, never very good, has, with the necessary crowding, become quite a problem and some provision must be made, not only for the health and comfort of the students in Chemistry, but for those using the building in other departments. One of the problems with our increasing numbers will be the proper housing of those engaged in the Science work.

Department of English Literature

This department has been materially strengthened by the appointment of Mr. H. T. Baker as Instructor. All the work of the department has been benefitted by his efficient service.

The large Freshman class in Masterpieces, containing 117 students, has been this year divided into three sections, instead of two, as last year; this makes it possible to pay more attention to the work of each student. Mr. Baker teaches two sections of this class; each section comes to the head of the department for one-third of the year.

The relief thus given in the Freshman work has made it possible to divide the Sophomore class in Shakespeare, containing 67 students, into two sections; as a result the value of the recitations and discussions is materially increased. The size of both these classes is so great the present year, that it would have been impossible to handle the work properly without the assistance which has been provided.

The work of the Junior and Senior classes has been carried on as in the previous year, with the addition of a one-hour elective course in Literary Criticism, offered by Mr. Baker, and elected by twelve students. The elections in the department aggregate 206 students in year courses, and 57 students in semester courses.

In the departments allied to that of English Literature, the year has also seen important changes. The resignation of Mr. George W. Putnam last June gave opportunity for the reorganization of the departments of Rhetoric and Public Speaking. Last year Mr. Putnam was in charge of both departments, with Mr. Franklyn B. Snyder and Miss Alta A. Robinson as assistants. The present year the departments have been separated, and the results have proved the wisdom of the change. Mr. George B. Hotchkiss, the instructor in Rhetoric, and Mr. Philip B. Kennedy, the instructor in Public Speaking, have conducted their departments with efficiency and enthusiasm, and are making them of greater practical value than ever before.

The work of the department of Rhetoric consists of the required Freshman course in that subject, taught this year in four sections, instead of three, as last year, and a year-course in Advanced Themes, for Juniors and Seniors. With slight assistance from Miss Jeannette Sayre—Beloit, 1906—who has had the

themes of only fifteen students, the Freshman themes have all been read by Mr. Hotchkiss, Mr. Baker and Mr. Kennedy. This arrangement is vastly preferable to that of last year, when Miss Robinson, who had no class-room work, read all the Freshman themes.

Next year, it is hoped that it will be possible to add a third year of composition work to the course in Rhetoric. It will meet a definite demand from students and will provide an opportunity which Beloit ought to give.

Since the wise action of the Board of Trustees and the Faculty, in abolishing required Rhetoricals, it has been possible to develop the work of the department of Public Speaking along modern lines. The department now offers three and a half years of varied work, embracing courses in Declamation, in the Forms of Public Address, in Argumentation and Debate and in Extempore Speaking. This department, as now constituted, will play a more valuable part than ever before in the life of the College.

The department has been fortunate in being able to bring to Beloit in March, 1906, and again in January, 1907, the Ben Greet Company of English players. They gave most acceptable productions of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" and "Much Ado About Nothing," and of the morality play, "Everyman." All were attended by crowded houses, including practically the entire college. The educational value of these performances cannot be over-estimated. The first visit of the company produced a profit of \$31.00, the second, of \$56.00. Both sums have been applied by the department to the purchase of books in general literature for the College Library.

Last June the department received, as a gift from the Class of 1904, a large size carbon print of Sewall's frieze of the "Canterbury Pilgrims" for the English seminary room in the College Library. This magnificent picture is now in storage, for lack of a frame. It is hoped that some generous friend will soon provide the twenty dollars necessary to frame it.

The prime need of the department, and of the allied departments of Rhetoric and Public Speaking, is for suitable and permanent recitation rooms. The English work of the college has no headquarters except the room in the Library set apart for seminary purposes, but now used as a consulting-room by the department of Rhetoric. The past semester, the head of the department has been obliged to meet his classes in five different recitation rooms, never having two consecutive recitations in the same room. This condition of things, apart from its inconvenience, is a positive detriment to the work of the department. It makes it impossible to install maps and other means of instruction in such a way as to be available for more than one class each semester. This crying need should be met as soon as possible.

There is an urgent need for a small annual appropriation of perhaps twenty-five dollars for illustrative material, including maps, pictures and lantern-slides, for the use of the department. At slight expense, the efficiency of the work of instruction, especially with Freshmen, can be much increased in this way.

Finally, attention is due to the ever-pressing need of more money for books for the College Library. If Beloit College is to maintain its position, the library must be strengthened. The annual expenditure for books ought to be at least doubled. There is special need of a fund for the purchase of current books in general literature. At present no new books are bought, except along the lines of departmental work. In the fields of fiction, poetry, the drama, biography and travel, books can never be purchased until the freshness of their interest has been largely lost. If Beloit graduates are to have the truest culture, it is essential that they be incited to form a reading-habit. An endowment fund of at least \$2,500.00 is needed at once to start a collection of the best works of current literature, which shall invite the student to spend his leisure hours in reading for pleasure. The College can give to its graduates nothing better than an unconscious delight in books, such as no course of instruction can possibly impart.

The Department of Geology

During the current year there has been a total enrollment of thirty-nine in Physiography, twenty-five in Evolution, five in Economic Geology and sixty-five in Archæology, the latter subject having been added to the department of Geology.

An important collection of rocks and minerals from Colorado has been donated by the family of the late S. P. Wilder of the Class of 1871. Mr. N. H. Ellsworth gave the department a fine collection of concretions. Mr. Frank Egan of Goldfield, Nevada, has given some choice specimens of gold ore from that locality, and several friends of the College have donated single specimens. Numerous mineralogical specimens, maps, books, charts, etc., have been purchased, or donated by the United States Government. A fine reflectoscope and a plane table have been added to the mechanical equipment of the department.

Department of History

During the last year the Department of History has been strengthened by the addition to its teaching staff of Dr. William Stearns Davis, a man of proved scholarship and literary culture.

Dr. Davis' coming has allowed the introduction of a course in Greek and Roman History the coming year, alternating with the old course on French Revolution and Modern European History. This course is much needed as supplementing the courses in the classics and as valuable to those about to teach. Dr. Davis also gives during the second semester of this year a course in United States Colonial History.

Mr. Richardson next year offers a new course in Mediæval Church History, alternating with Recent English History, Humanism, or such courses as may from year to year be deemed best to supplement the standard courses in English and European History.

The needs of the department are at present:

1. A permanent recitation and lecture room (a need felt by other departments also).
2. Greater library facilities, especially in the lines of English and Mediæval History documents and of Colonial History.

The department desires to express its appreciation of the valuable donation to the library by Professor Chapin, in memory of his sister, Annie Chapin Batcheller, of a set of 30 volumes of "Early Western Travels," edited by R. G. Thwaites. Dr. Horace White's gift of books pertinent to the Latin Department will prove of great utility to the Department of History as well.

The Latin Department

The time was when the needs of a Latin Department were few indeed. A bare recitation room, some unattractive text-books, an instructor and a few students were all that the best colleges and universities could boast of and, *mirabile dictu*, were all that was considered essential. Times have changed. The grind in inflection and syntax is largely left to secondary schools, while the college aims more than formerly to create among its students a greater enjoyment and a keener appreciation of the literature and history of the Roman people. The wisdom of this change is seen at Beloit from the fact that more college students take Latin since it has been made wholly elective than when it was required in part; this is especially true of the upper classes.

The greatest change has come from the addition of lecture courses in Roman Antiquities, illustrated work on the public and private life of the Romans. This is comparatively a new line of work, which no good college can afford to ignore. At Beloit College Latin is not required for admission to such courses, and so work of much cultural value is open to students specializing along other lines. The Latin Department has been keeping up with the procession, but the pace is rapid and cannot be kept up long unless better equipment is forthcoming.

The Latin lecture room has been much improved, thanks to friends and the Latin play given last year. Through the generosity of Dr. Horace White more than a hundred valuable reference books in history, literature and antiquities have been added to the library. By means of a small appropriation by the Trustees, some funds received from outside lectures and a small sum from the Latin play, the department now has about two hundred lantern slides. It should have fully eight hundred more within the next two years. If this number can be added in the

near future, the head of the department, with the advantages of study in Rome next year, feels confident that Beloit's work in Roman Antiquities can be made equal to that of any college in the West. Many of Beloit's Alumni will be interested in this new feature of Latin work. Slides average about thirty-five cents each. Small and large gifts for this work will be duly acknowledged and gratefully appreciated.

The Department of Music

The Department has paid off \$300 of its piano fund, has added books and music (including rolls for Piano Player and Records for the "Victor Talking Machine"), has received as a gift from the "Victor" Company a fine No. IV Talking Machine with twenty-five Red Seal Artist Records, and has added a clock to the furnishings of the music room.

The Department needs \$1,000.00 for better equipment, including a new piano for the College Chapel, and could use \$6,000.00 immediately; part of this would be used in adding to the resources and equipment of the Chapel organ, and to the lasting benefit of students now on the ground.

The Department of Philosophy and Psychology

The work of this department is confined to the absolutely essential courses for our College work. Some of these courses, viz.: Theory of Knowledge, Aesthetics, Experimental Psychology and Developmental Psychology, can only be given every other year.

This plan of alternating courses is coming to be a serious problem, especially in the case of the work in Psychology. Owing to the increased requirements in Pedagogy, and the large numbers who elect the course, the Developmental Psychology ought to be given every year. Experimental Psychology, which is important for pre-medical students, ought to be given oftener also. The Elementary Psychology is offered in two divisions, but the numbers are rather large for the best work.

In Philosophy, the course in Ethics comes as an increased load to the department, and it is not possible at present to give any historical courses save the one routine course in the general His-

tory of Philosophy. Formerly courses in Theism and in the Philosophy of Kant were offered, but it is impossible to give them at present.

The department is very much in need of room and of a small appropriation for fitting up the Psychological laboratory. Through the generosity of friends, the department enjoys the use of considerable Psychological apparatus which should be properly installed. Just now it is in very bad temporary quarters in the attic of Science Hall.

Department of Romanic Languages

The work in French has been very satisfactory this year. Nearly one hundred students, representing all four college classes, have been enrolled in elementary courses. In addition, there have been some students in second and third year work. Provision is made for four years of work, so that students may now make a major in French.

The elementary work is intended to give facility in translating the language, written and spoken. In the advanced work French is used as far as practicable in the class-room. Effort is made to acquaint students with the country, people and institutions of France, as well as with the language and literature.

A course in Spanish is also offered and will be given every year hereafter.

Too much praise could hardly be given the students for their application and interest in all phases of the work; the outlook for useful development of the work in this department is most promising.

**TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET OF PERMANENT FUNDS,
APRIL 1, 1907**

Assets

Productive

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Bills Receivable | \$460,866.00 |
| Bonds, (Premium Included) | 209,345.00 |
| Stocks, (Premium Included) | 51,000.00 |
| Real Estate | 141,800.00 |

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| Total | \$863,011.00 |
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Unproductive

Plant

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| College Buildings .. | \$358,000.00 |
| College Grounds .. | 104,000.00 |
| Equipment | 113,000.00 |
| | \$575,000.00 |

Real Estate

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| Beloit .. | \$ 24,500.00 | |
| Chicago .. | 3,125.00 | |
| Other .. | 1,800.00 | 29,425.00 |
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| Cash on hand | 24,176.78 |
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| Total .. | 628,601.78 |
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| Total Fund in Trust | \$1,491,612.78 |
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Liabilities

Endowment

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| Productive—(Invested as shown above. Income only available for current expense.) | \$863,011.00 |
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Unproductive

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| In Real Estate (as above) .. | \$ 29,425.00 |
| In Cash on Hand (as above) | \$ 24,176.78 |
| | \$ 53,601.78 |

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| | 916,612.78 |
| Plant (as above) | 575,000.00 |
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| Total .. | \$1,491,612.78 |
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THE STUDENTS

Enrollment

The total enrollment of the College for the current year is 322; of this number 129 are women, that is forty per cent. of the whole. This is the largest number of students in the history of the College. The resources of the institution are taxed to the utmost to provide for this great increase in the attendance.

Self Support

About forty per cent. of the student body earn their way in whole or in part. The city is growing very rapidly, and for a year or two past work for students has been fairly abundant. Twenty-six students are earning all of their way, 41 earn over half of their expenses and 54 earn less than half. The principal methods of earning money are by waiting on table, house work, office work, shop work, tutoring, clerking, care of furnaces and lawns, canvassing, etc.

Scholarship Aid

A limited number of students who are needy receive aid from the College in amounts varying from \$10.00 to \$25.00 per semester. This aid is conditioned upon the maintenance of a good record in college studies and upon loyalty to the rules and regulations of the institution. The aid is only promised for one semester, but is usually continued for the year, provided the above conditions as to scholarship and conduct are maintained.

Student Self Government

In recent years there has been a marked tendency on the part of college authorities to give students a share in their own government. The students of Beloit now manage practically all of their athletic, literary and debating affairs. They govern themselves in the dormitories. They are put on their own honor in tests and in examinations. A student cabinet exists also at Beloit, whose purpose it is to consider legislation and to propose methods of making the college work more effective and the college life more attractive. Extracts are here submitted from the report of the president of the Women's Student Government Association and from the president of the Honor System.

Women's Student Government Association

The purpose of this association, as the constitution states, is "to promote unity and loyalty among the women students of the college and to encourage personal responsibility in furthering all interests not directly under the jurisdiction of the Faculty." The formal means of accomplishing this end is through the Executive Board, a committee composed of the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer of the Association, plus a representative from each of the four classes. At monthly Council meetings this committee consults with the Dean, who is final authority in all cases, on matters concerning the welfare of the Association, the solution of its problems, and ways and means of carrying out its ideals. The results of these Council meetings are brought before the general meetings of the organization, called by the president at any time as occasion demands. On all matters presented, free discussion is invited and every woman present is urged to express her views for or against any movement under consideration. By hearing and taking part in such discussions, the individual members come to realize more fully their relations to each other and to the institution which fosters them. The more mature judgment of the upper-class women arouses the thought and reason of those not so far advanced, thus neutralizing in a very marked degree the anarchistic spirit which often prevails among Freshman and even Sophomore students, who, not knowing the *raison d'être* of the rules laid down for them, are apt to look upon them as the arbitrary whims of tyrannical authority. Thus it follows that almost never is a motion carried indiscreetly, and that, once carried, it has the respect and support of the whole body.

In order to illustrate more specifically the manner in which this system of self-government operates, it may be well to mention a particular problem with which it has to deal and to show how this problem is treated. For example, there arises the difficulty of maintaining quiet in the dormitories during study-hours. To overcome this difficulty a system of proctors has been established. On each floor one or more women are made official "squelchers." It is their duty to investigate and stop any disturbing noises that occur in their respective provinces. In case of persistent annoyance, the offender is reported to the Executive Board for reprimand.

The Honor System

All written work of the College is conducted under the Honor System, which places in the hands of the student body the responsibility for detecting and punishing any dishonest work in examinations, tests, themes, etc. The system is provided with a constitution which has been adopted by a vote of the student body, and every student in College is expected to live up to the provisions of this constitution. The power to hear evidence, judge cases, and affix penalties is vested in the Judicial Committee. This committee consists of nine members chosen by the students from their own number—four Seniors, three Juniors, one Sophomore and one Freshman. Although the responsibility of judging offenders is in the hands of a committee, the success of the System depends upon the student body as a whole. No instructors or officers of the College remain in the room during an examination, and any student who sees dishonest work being done is expected to report the same to the committee.

THE ARCHAEOAN UNION

The reorganized Archaeoan Union has had a year of steady progress. The assessment of annual fees—one dollar from each student, amounting last year to \$276—has put the Union on a safe basis financially; the organization of the Board of Control has insured the conservative expenditure of this money, and the careful supervision of all the Union's interests.

The Union is now free of debt, and will close the year with a balance in the treasury; debts of five years' standing have been paid off.

The *Round Table* has been put on a more respectable footing than ever before. This year it is paying its bills as it goes; in former years all payments for printing have been postponed until spring, and most of them until summer. The circulation is larger than in any previous year.

In this connection, a new experiment has been tried this year: that of giving to students whose *Round Table* subscriptions are paid, a free ticket to all general college contests in speaking—the Home Contest, the Knox Debate, and the State Oratorical

Contest—held in Beloit during the year. This plan, it is believed, will lead to the prompt payment of subscriptions and to an increased attendance at the contests.

This year one hundred dollars has been expended on the reading room, for the purchase of periodicals. A few of these go to Emerson Hall, but most of them are placed in the reading room of the College Library, where they are used more widely than would be possible in any other location. It is also easier to care for them here, and to insure their preservation for binding. After their use in the reading room, the periodicals pass into the possession of the Library, where the bound volumes are among the most important accessions of each year.

By two years of operation the constitution adopted in 1905 was found to be defective in several points. It has accordingly been carefully revised; the revised constitution was adopted in January, 1907, and promises to be a great improvement over its predecessor. In general, the revision has simplified the machinery of administration and has fixed responsibility more definitely.

The usual debates and speaking-contests have been held; no changes have been made in our relations with other institutions. The reorganization of the department of Public Speaking augurs well for the future of Beloit in oratory and debate. Beloit won first and second places in the State Oratorical Contest held in Appleton, March 29, 1907, the winners being Mr. Arthur E. Fish and Mr. Lloyd D. Heth.

In May of the present year the Union is to hold an interscholastic declamatory contest in the College Chapel. Thirty-eight high schools of Wisconsin and Illinois have been invited to participate; a gold and a silver medal are offered as prizes. It is hoped that this may be an annual event, which will emphasize Beloit's interest in public speaking, and be one more means of attracting strong students from the secondary schools.

Last year the experiment was tried of putting the management of the Lawrence Debate into the hands of the Sophomore Class. The results, in attendance, enthusiasm and financial returns were so gratifying as to make it probable that in the future the Freshman and Sophomore debates will be made class

affairs; the Board is convinced that in no other way can such a lively interest be aroused.

The awarding of the gold B's given to Beloit's representatives in the State Oratorical Contest and the Knox Debate has been made a college function; they are now conferred by the President of the College in an exercise held in the Chapel, which enhances the significance of the B in the eyes of the entire student body.

It is hoped that a plan will soon be perfected for increasing interest in the *Round Table* by competition, and thus improving the quality of the paper. The Board has also in mind the compilation of a directory of judges, which will lessen the labor of selecting judges for each contest in oratory and debate. The alumni will probably be asked to assist in this work.

ATHLETICS

Athletic conditions at Beloit, as at most institutions just now, are unsettled, but great progress is being made in purifying our teams and in placing athletics upon a more secure financial basis. While the teams may not win as many victories as formerly, yet the whole matter of athletics is upon a much better footing than ever before in our history.

The following is from the report of the student manager of athletics:

"The intercollegiate football rules adopted a year ago by Beloit, Knox, Lawrence, Ripon, Carroll, Marquette and Lake Forest, have proved to be worth while. With probably a single exception, there has been no infringement of the rules. Locally they have been of great value. They have made pure athletics at Beloit a fact and not a dream. No man is now allowed to play on any Beloit team who is not passed upon by the Athletic Board as being strictly eligible. This not only makes athletics more clean, but it gives every student an equal chance to win a position on any team through his own merit and not through competition with professionals. It also tends to stimulate an increased interest in athletics among the student body and to command the respect of rival teams. The adoption of these rules can be fairly said to be a forward movement in Beloit Athletics."

STUDENT SOCIETIES

Though the Faculty attempts to aid the students in various ways in maintaining a united and attractive family life in College, yet it is true that the various activities of college life are maintained chiefly by the unaided efforts of the students themselves. Such societies as the English Club, the Musical Association, the Shakespeare Society, the Glee Clubs, etc., are all very helpful in adding to the zest and interest of student life.

Reports from a number of the student organizations are here given. These have all been made by officials connected with the respective societies.

The Young Men's Christian Association

The College Young Men's Christian Association is a student activity formed for the purpose of helping students, in the belief that the highest type of manhood is found in the religious man. In Beloit the organization includes about one hundred of the one hundred and seventy men in College. Ordinarily its working is most apparent in the weekly religious meeting held in Memorial Hall on Sunday morning, at which the attendance is usually about fifty, in the life of the North College dormitory now known as the Association House, and in the College conference on Wednesday, for which the Association unites with the Faculty.

The activity of the Association is also seen in a number of voluntary Bible Classes, meeting once each week and numbering at present about fifty. Another of its activities is the Employment Bureau. At the beginning of the year the Bureau rendered distinct service to the College in locating men in desirable rooms and often providing them with places for earning their way. The record shows that over one hundred and twenty-five odd jobs were given out to students during the first semester. Each student must record his completion of one job before he is intrusted with another; this regulation insures student faithfulness and inspires confidence on the part of the townspeople.

Two receptions have been given by the Association, one during the first week of the year to men, the other shortly after, in

co-operation with the Young Women's Christian Association, to men and women. That these receptions are of value in making students acquainted with each other no one can doubt who has seen the hundreds of the College population, students and professors, brought into social contact, as was possible in the Gymnasium last fall.

But in a way less apparent than all those mentioned, the Association has aided in maintaining the spirit of Beloit students. Strange Freshmen are given the friendly handshake at the station when they first reach the city, men are personally invited to attend voluntary meetings at various times, notably on the Day of Prayer for Colleges, numbers of discouraged students, filled sometimes with bitterness over the trials all must undergo in college, are buoyed up by the sacrificing efforts of Association men. This is a work which justifies the existence of the organization, a work which the Faculty often cannot do, a work beyond the reach of the church, with its outside interest, and one which is possible only to a student organization with the definite purpose and sympathy which it can call to its aid.

Young Women's Christian Association

The greatest undertaking of the Young Women's Christian Association for the year was the entertainment of the Wisconsin State Convention, which was by far the largest ever held, having about 215 delegates. It would have been impossible for the Association to make it the success that it was, had it not been for the generous co-operation of the residents of Beloit. The women of the College were brought into touch with the widest aspects of Association work, through the State Committee members, the national secretaries, and Miss McElroy, secretary to India, who were here.

In the local work of the Association, the membership of 92 (80 active and 12 associate members) includes seventy-five per cent. of the women in College. There are nine affiliated members among the Faculty ladies. Ninety-nine are enrolled in Bible-study classes, including a class for the four maids at Emerson Hall. Forty-four are enrolled in Mission-study classes. Five are members of the Volunteer Band. There have been

33 regular devotional meetings held Sunday mornings before church. The Y. W. C. A. and "joint" receptions, afternoon teas with the visiting secretaries, and small group-gatherings have been the chief social events of the year.

The Association sent ten delegates to the summer conferences; they received their expenses from the Conference Endowment Fund.

As the American Committee no longer exists, the members of the Beloit Y. W. C. A. have become charter members under the new National Board of the Young Women's Christian Associations of the United States of America.

The year has been successful in many respects. The young women have been helped socially in getting acquainted with one another, intellectually in the study classes, and spiritually in the devotional meetings and Bible study, and especially in the close Christian friendships formed in College.

The Volunteer Band

The Volunteer Band in Beloit, composed of both men and women, numbers at present ten. Each member has expressed the desire to become a Christian worker in foreign lands.

The Band has a leader, and meets weekly for devotional service and discussion of foreign peoples and their problems. At regular periods during the scholastic year open meetings are held, to which all students are invited.

The purpose of the Band is to cover by discussion a large range of problems and conditions peculiar to foreign needs, and by acquainting the volunteers with actual conditions, to prepare them for their work before they are sent out by the mission boards.

The Clisophic Literary Society

The Clisophic Literary Society meets weekly on Friday evening at 7 o'clock in Middle College. It is an organization for practice in debate and parliamentary procedure. These two lines of work constitute the characteristic features of its regular programs. The object of the society, aside from "the promotion of literary culture" and "the attainment of skill in public speak-

ing and debating" among its individual members, is primarily "the advancement of the literary interests of Beloit College." It thus seeks to subserve the larger interests of the College along the lines of debating, oratory and literary activities, and to work up and provide material for the same. All men of the student body are eligible for membership. It is the policy of the society to keep its membership down to a working basis; this is deemed more desirable than a large membership lacking in interest, in which every member does not have adequate and frequent opportunity for participation in society activities.

The officers of the society consist of a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer. A programme committee of three appointed by the president prepares the programs.

The president, vice-president and programme committee together constitute an executive committee, which has general supervision over all the affairs of the society.

The Delian Literary Society

During the last semester, Delian Hall on the fourth floor of Middle College has been completely redecorated. It now provides very attractive and convenient quarters for the society. This fact in itself attests the deep interest of the students in the society's work. Much enthusiasm has been displayed in the weekly debates. Spirited discussions, familiarizing the Delians with the live topics of the day, frequently call forth the best debating talent in the college. Both in providing a sympathetic and helpful atmosphere, encouraging new men to venture into forensic contests, and in developing and putting forward strong candidates for the intercollegiate debating teams, the Delian Literary Society is filling a large place in student activity and life.

The English Club

The English Club has had a successful year. Thirteen meetings are now held each year, on Wednesday evenings. The average attendance has been about thirty-five. The first semester, seven meetings were devoted to the study of mediæval romance; at the six meetings of the second semester, six American essayists are under consideration. In April, Mr. John F. Howard gave a recital of "Hamlet" under the auspices of the club.

The Shakespeare Society

The Shakespeare Society during the year 1906-1907 has been composed of forty-one girls, members of the three upper classes. The aim of the Society is to give to the young women of Beloit College an opportunity to do Shakespearean dramatic and literary work. During the present year the Society has undertaken the detailed study and representation of "The Merchant of Venice."

The work of the first semester was the study of the play—its problems and interpretation—and some preliminary dramatic work. In January the parts were assigned, and an act has been given before the Society at each of its monthly meetings. The final presentation to the public will be given during the latter part of May, in an evening out-of-door performance on "As You Like It" Hill. During the year the Society has planted wild grape-vines on the hill, as a background for its stage.

The Society is planning to use its surplus funds in purchasing for the College Library books on Shakespeare and on other dramatic subjects.

Orrowoc Club

The Orrowoc Club of Beloit College was organized in the spring of 1905, primarily to secure, by the co-operative plan, better food at more reasonable rates than could be otherwise obtained. The constitution adopted limits the membership to twelve college men, each college class being represented. Vacancies are filled preferably with Freshmen, who are elected by ballot not before the third week in each college year. It is the object of the club to promote the best moral and social interests of its members. The most prominent features of the year are the evening entertainments given by each of the four classes.

The Dew Drop Inn Club

The Dew Drop Inn is a co-operative club of fifteen men, who are elected into its membership. Its purpose is not to make it a boarding club alone, but to give to its members a good college home and to bind their friendships more closely. Endeavor is constantly made to keep the spirit which pervades it purely democratic. The Club has a small house for its use, in which

six of the men room, and one matron takes charge of both the house and the table. For five years this club has worked with but little friction and with marked success. While, as the years have passed, the men are constantly changing, yet there has always been a congenial and happy group of men in the club.

FRATERNITIES

Beta Theta Pi

Chi Chapter of Beta Theta Pi was founded at Beloit College in 1860. For about twenty years it existed as a *sub rosa* organization, and was then officially recognized by the Faculty and Trustees of the College. The Chapter roll now shows 194 alumni and 22 active undergraduate members. Since 1890 the Chapter has rented a house that will accommodate 19 men, which enables the men to live together during their undergraduate course. A boarding club is also run in connection with the house, of which not only the active members of the Fraternity, but also the pledged men, are members.

Phi Kappa Psi

The Wisconsin Gamma Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity has during the past year, through the generosity of the alumni members, built a kitchen and matron's quarters. This addition has added greatly to the appearance and convenience of the building. They have also laid a new five-foot cement walk in front of the house and leading up to it. They are fortunate in being the owners of their house; this fact gives them the opportunity of expending their income for improvements rather than for rent. The active membership numbers 19. The Chapter is rather conservative in regard to numbers, believing that the best results can be obtained in a Chapter with a membership of not less than 16 nor greater than 22. They aim to cultivate among their members an interest in the College, as regards both scholarship and the various student activities, to promote congeniality among its own members and democracy with the student body, and to keep their alumni in close touch both with the Chapter and the College. Their life in the house is ideal,

being conducted under a system of self-government which gives individual responsibility and is at the same time beneficial to the whole life of the Chapter. The past year has been one of prosperity and success in the relations of the Chapter both to the College and to the Fraternity.

Sigma Chi

The present membership of the Sigma Chi Fraternity of Beloit College is twenty-four, with one pledged member. Over two-thirds of this number are upper-classmen. Sixteen men board and room in the Chapter house, which has been partially overhauled and redecorated during the past year. A recently adopted financial system has placed the Fraternity on a firmer financial basis than ever before. Definitely organized co-operation between the alumni and active members has led to specific advances in the life of the Chapter. The Fraternity is represented on the College Board of Trustees by three members.

ADDRESSES AND ENTERTAINMENTS

The following addresses and entertainments have been given by the College, in addition to those offered by local organizations, since January, 1906:

1906.

Jan. 7—Rev. Frank M. Sheldon.

Jan. 14—Rev. F. E. Dewhurst.

Jan. 16-19—Rev. Lyman Abbott, D. D.

Jan. 21—President Daland.

Jan. 24—Prof. F. R. Moulton.

Jan. 25—Dr. Graham Taylor.

Feb. 4—Rev. Franklin Snyder, D. D.

Feb. 11—Rev. Sidney Strong, D. D.

Feb. 13—Prof. Thomas Dickinson.

Feb. 18—Rev. C. M. Price.

Feb. 22—Prof. B. H. Meyer.

Mar. 12—Ben Greet Company.

Mar. 14-21—Rev. David Beaton.

Apr. 11—Dr. E. O. Hovey.

Apr. 15—Rev. Arthur H. Smith, D. D.

Apr. 22—Rev. Frank Sheets.
 Apr. 26—Mrs. E. Vosburgh.
 Apr. 29—President W. O. Carrier.
 May 9—Dr. Horace White.
 May 13—Rev. John H. Kimball.
 June 3—Rev. V. G. Putnam, D. D.
 Sept. 19—Prof. George C. Comstock.
 Oct. 7—Rev. H. O. Hannum.
 Oct. 14—Rev. William Crawford, D. D.
 Oct. 15—Josef Haydn Recital.
 Oct. 22—Rev. C. T. Edwards, D. D.
 Oct. 28—Rev. F. T. Rouse, D. D.
 Nov. 4—Rev. C. McGee.
 Nov. 11—Rev. Fred Staff.
 Nov. 19—Edward Baxter Perry.
 Dec. 2—Rev. W. H. Warren, D. D.
 Dec. 9—Rev. F. M. Sheldon.
 Dec. 12—Messiah Concert.
 Dec. 16—Rev. R. C. Denison.
 1907.
 Jan. 6—Rev. Frederick Hatch.
 Jan. 13—Rev. Merlin Ennis.
 Jan. 14—Ben Greet Company.
 Jan. 20—Mr. C. S. Pellet.
 Feb. 17—Prof. W. T. Foster.
 Feb. 18-22—Rev. David Beaton.
 Mar. 3—Rev. W. S. Dodd, D. D.
 Mar. 6-8—Dr. E. J. Banks.
 Mar. 9—Rev. R. M. Vaughn.
 Apr. 5-7—Mr. Robert E. Speer.

EQUIPMENT AND COLLECTIONS

The Heating Plant

During the year the heating plant has been extended to include the Chapel, the Art Hall, Memorial Hall, the Observatory and Scoville Hall; every building on the campus is now heated from the central plant. The cost of heating the various buildings has not been reduced by this method, but there has been an inestimable gain in comfort and convenience.

A cottage for the engineer has been built in close proximity to the plant, the first dwelling-house to be erected on the campus by the College authorities.

The Library

The removal of the College library from Memorial Hall to the new Carnegie building marked the beginning of a new era in its progress. The more commodious quarters and increased facilities for storing and arranging material where it is easy of access, the better arrangements for lighting, and the improved system of heating, have combined to make the new Library far more attractive than the old to the student body. The effect of these improvements was seen at once in the increased attendance. This is the beginning of the third year in the new building, and during that time the attendance has more than doubled. The Library is open eleven hours each day during the College year for reading, study, or drawing of books. Most of this time the rooms are comfortably filled, and often there is difficulty in finding seats anywhere on the first floor.

There has also been a marked increase in the number of books issued. A comparative statement of the number loaned during October, November and December, 1904, (the last three months in the old Library) with the corresponding months in 1905 and 1906 may be of interest:

| | 1904 | 1905 | 1906 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|
| October-December | 1241 | 2191 | 2589 |

The number continues to increase, as is shown by the fact that the total circulation, which during 1905 was 5673, rose in 1906 to 8195. However, the circulation in a college library, which is primarily for reference work, is but a poor indication of its influence in the life of the student body. Every effort has been made to encourage the use of the Library, and the students hav responded by coming more freely each year for information along the lines of their varied interests.

The increase in the number of books and magazines has kept pace with the growth in other lines, although the demands are constantly more than can be supplied. The administration

of the library has been planned as economically as is consistent with good service, in order to leave as large an amount of the yearly appropriation as possible for the book-fund. This, together with special donations from interested friends and alumni of the College, has made it possible to add very materially to the resources of the library during the past two years. The total number of additions has been as follows:

| | 1905 | 1906 |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Purchase | 1,328 | 1,073 |
| Miscellaneous gifts | 513 | 441 |
| Government gifts | 349 | 216 |
| Binding | 176 | 316 |
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| Total from all sources | 2,366 | 2,046 |
| Pamphlets | 635 | 982 |

The total number of books now in the library is 37,212, and the number of pamphlets, 17,707.

Those to whom the library is indebted for generous gifts the last two years are:

Dr. Horace White
 Prof. R. C. Chapin,
 Mrs. C. E. Chadbourn,
 Mr. Thomas S. McClelland,
 President E. D. Eaton,
 Mrs. Alice Sheldon Bill,
 Prof. F. H. Chase,
 Rev. E. N. Hill,

Friends of Rev. S. P. Wilder, who purchased and presented to the library after his death a large part of his private collection.

Andover Theological Seminary, \$50 from the Gov. Phillips fund.

To the library subscription list, the last two years, have been added 7 dailies, 14 weeklies, 37 monthlies or quarterlies. We now have on file in the reading room 8 dailies, 16 weeklies, and 162 monthlies or quarterlies.

Gifts of money, books or periodicals are solicited, and it is hoped that any who are able will make such contributions. The active co-operation of the alumni body is requested in this work of building up the College Library.

It has not been possible to add much new literature in the sciences and arts. Funds for this purpose are greatly needed. We lack also the means to complete our sets of periodicals; the need in this line is pressing, because within a few years it will be almost impossible to secure the back volumes of many sets. A special effort is being made to obtain as complete a file as possible of the local papers. Anyone having Beloit papers back of 1895 would be conferring a favor on the College by sending them to the Library.

One other line in which there is urgent need of funds is that of library literature. To meet a constant demand, a course in library science is being given this year for the first time, and gifts of money or literature along this line of study will be greatly appreciated.

The Logan Museum

This Museum, which was founded by one of our Trustees, Mr. Frank G. Logan of Chicago, is the best college collection of Archæology in the country. Through the generosity of the founder and of others, large additions have been made to the collections during the past year. The most notable addition has been the Ellsworth Collection of axes, celts, etc., many of which are from Wisconsin. Important specimens have been secured through gifts and by exchanges; good collections from Missouri, Maryland, Illinois and other states have been obtained in these ways; full credit will be given each donor on the catalogue of the collection. The Museum is open daily to the public, and it is used extensively by the classes in Archæology because of the wealth of instructive material which it contains.

The Gymnasium

From the report of the Director.

The following pieces of apparatus were installed in the fall of 1906:

- 4 wall machines with pulley weights.
- 1 wrist-roll.
- 1 finger machine.
- 1 sculling machine.
- 1 quarter circle with pulley weights.
- 1 abdominal chair.
- 1 nautical wheel.
- 1 hitch and kick apparatus.
- 1 sliding parallel bar machine.
- 1 treadle machine with pulley weights.
- 1 pair parallel bars.
- 1 balance beam.
- 9 sections of Swedish stall bars.
- 1 suspended horizontal bar.
- 1 suspended horizontal ladder.
- 1 horizontal ladder with chest bars combined.
- 1 adjustable ladder with upright section fixed and another section that may be made horizontal or placed at any other angle desired with upright section.
- 1 rope ladder, suspended.
- 2 climbing rings.
- 1 neck machine with pulley weights.
- 1 pair of jumping and vaulting standards.
- 25 pairs dumb bells.

Sophomores and Freshmen are required to attend Gymnasium classes three times a week during the winter months. Efficient exercise can now be taken, with the facilities at hand.

Basketball is played by a large number of students, great interest being aroused by class games. Base ball practice has been in operation since January. A new twine batting cage has been in use, and the candidates for the team have had the best opportunity for practice indoors—much better than that of former Beloit teams. The facilities are equal to those of the large universities. Excellent opportunity for work, both on the Gymnasium floor and on a special gallery running-track, is afforded for the track teams.

Additional lockers are needed, as there are not enough to supply the demand. The students are very anxious to have a swimming tank completed. There is nothing in a gymnasium more beneficial or more popular than a good pool.

The Art Collections

From the report of Helen B. Emerson, Curator.

There have been few accessions to the collections during the current year, the limited income of the department of Fine Arts being used for needed clerical work and in attendance upon the largely increased number of visitors which the comfortably warmed building has attracted. At the present writing several subjects are being specially studied; among them are the works of Cranach, Holbein and Durer, artists of the Reformation. Students working for the Art prize are studying the art of Pheidias and of Rembrandt. Earlier the classes in Psychology were sent to the Art Hall to study from casts and other objects the underlying principles of æsthetics, and the classes in Greek Literature and Art use the collections in their work a large part of the collegiate year.

The Art Library now contains 1,500 volumes; the casts number 350; the paintings are 100; the photographs and engravings are over 16,000 in number, ranking in this respect with those of the largest museums of the country; and the collections of marbles, bronzes, etchings and bric-a-brac are well begun.

While it is acknowledged with gratitude that many friends have been helpful and generous, this work is largely the result of the efforts of one person, who by reason of impaired health and diminished strength can no longer give her time and means as in the past, and who now feels that in order to place the department upon a useful and permanent basis, some of its needs should be met as speedily as possible.

Among them are first and foremost, a new Art Hall, in which to place, conveniently and safely, the valuable collections. Another want is a fund for the buying of paintings. A friend has secured at greatly reduced rates and is holding for the Art Hall, valuable paintings by Thaulow, the eminent painter of

the far north, recently deceased, whose works are advancing in price; by Wendt, the California specialist; and by other American artists whose place in the art world is well established. From three to five hundred dollars would buy several such paintings, which will soon be unobtainable. In view of their merit and the approaching Sixtieth Anniversary of the College, it is earnestly hoped that some of them may be obtained. A fund is wanted for the buying of casts, which are not at all expensive; a series of busts of poets and statesmen would be of much service to the literature classes. Modern art books,—and art literature has greatly increased during the last decade,—are greatly needed.

Dr. Horace White, a steadfast friend and benefactor of the Art Department, gave to it a file of the London Art Journal and continues the subscription to the same, but other Art Magazines, such as the *Studio* and *The International Studio*, are missed and wanted.

An imperative need is money for the binding of books and magazines, there being an accumulation of two hundred such volumes which cannot be used until they are bound.

These are the main lines along which help is needed at once, and friends, please realize that this is not a question of merely æsthetic taste and gratification, but that it is a matter of vital importance to place the department on a par with the other departments of the College, and that we all have a responsibility in giving to the students a symmetrical and well-rounded development, which cannot be secured without the aid of the Fine Arts.



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